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B. CALCUTTA POLNOTE JUNE 29, 1973 (NAGALAND:
NAGALAND NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION ANNUAL
GENERAL SESSION)

1. ACCORDING TO PTI TICKERS AND AIR AFTERNOON BROADCAST,
NAGALAND GOVERNOR L. P. SINGH HAS INVITED VIZOL,
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RECENTLY ELECTED LEGISLATIVE PARTY LEADER OF THE UNITED

DEMOCRATIC FRONT (UDF), TO FORM A NEW MINISTRY IN THE STATE. UDF APPARENTLY HAS MANAGED TO WOO SEVEN OF THE TWELVE INDEPENDENTS ELECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY (REF A) THUS ESTABLISHING A 32-MEMBER ASSEMBLY FORCE, AS AGAINST 28 FOR THE NEGALAND NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION (NNO).

2. VIZOL, AN ANGAMI NAGA, IS A FORMER ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST (1964) NAGALAND ASSEMBLY, BUT RESIGNED HIS SEAT TO PROTEST THE GOI'S POLICY IN DEALING WITH THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. IN 1967 HE WENT TO LONDON TO MEET WITH A. Z. PHIZO, HIS FELLOW CLANSMAN, TO EVOLVE A SOLUTION TO THE INSURGENCY PROBLEM. WHAT SPECIFICALLY HIS POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE PHIZOITE REBELS WILL BE IS THE CRUCIAL QUESTION BUT WE THINK THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE MIGHT SEE A "NEGOTIATED" SETTLEMENT OF THE "NAGA PROBLEM" IN THE NEAR FUTURE--AND CERTAINLY WITH NAGALAND WITHIN THE INDIAN UNION.

3. WHILE THE UDF WON EVERY ANGAMI SEAT IN THE ASSEMBLY AND DID RELATIVELY WELL AMONGST THE AO NAGAS, WE ARE NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER IT WAS ABLE TO APPEAL TO THE IMPORTANT SEMA NAGAS (WHO HAVE BEEN LEAD BY THE FORCEFUL HOKISHE SEMA, UNTIL RECENTLY CHIEF MINISTER). SEE REF. B FOR A DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE CLAN INTERPLAY IN NAGA POLITICS.
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